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TAGS:ECRP, OGEN, ENRG, EMIN, UR  
SUBJECT:ECONOMIC REPORTING:PETROLEUM STATISTICS.  
CERP 4256 AND 4257.

REF: (A) 77 STATE A-4905, (B) MOSCOW 6714

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF B, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED  
DETAILED PETROLEUM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN  
REF A. UNFORTUNATELY THE SOVIET UNION PUTS OUT VERY  
LITTLE OF THE INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT DESIRES.

2. RE: CERP 4256 AND THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY PRODUCTION  
AND PROCESSING QUESTIONNAIRE. PUBLICATIONS REGULARLY  
REVIEWED BY THE EMBASSY PUBLISH ANNUAL DOMESTIC PRODUCTION  
DATA ONLY FOR CRUDE OIL INCLUDING GAS CONDENSATE AND  
NATURAL GAS; NEITHER IS MORE FINELY BROKEN DOWN. THE  
AVAILABLE INFORMATION IS REGULARLY REPORTED IN THE  
EMBASSY'S CABLE(S) ON THE SOVIET ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE IN  
THE PRECEDING YEAR. THE CABLES ARE BASED ON OFFICIAL  
STATISTICS THAT USUALLY BECOME AVAILABLE IN JANUARY, AND  
THE TAGS INCLUDE ENRG. FOR 1977 SEE MOSCOW 1691.

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3. RE CERP 4257 AND THE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS TRADE  
QUESTIONNAIRE. SOME GROSS EXPORT AND IMPORT STATISTICS  
FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR BECOME AVAILABLE EARLY IN THE NEXT  
YEAR, SOME COMMODITY DATA BECOME AVAILABLE IN THE SECOND  
QUARTER, AND THE STATISTICAL ANNUAL ON SOVIET FOREIGN  
TRADE USUALLY APPEARS IN THE BOOKSTORES AROUND JULY/  
AUGUST. EACH OF THESE EVENTS IS ALREADY BEING COVERED IN

THE EMBASSY'S REGULAR REPORTING. IN THE STATISTICAL ANNUAL, WHICH IS THE MOST COMPLETE TABULATION THE EMBASSY RECEIVES, THE CATEGORIES ARE HIGHLY AGGREGATED. THE ONLY CATEGORIES REPORTED ARE: PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND FUEL GAS (FOR COMMODITY BY COUNTRY DATA), AND CRUDE OIL, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND SYNTHETIC LIQUID FUELS, AND FUEL GAS (FOR GROSS EXPORTS AND IMPORTS). FOR 1977 SEE MOSCOW 9977.

3. DETAILED STATISTICS NEEDED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THESE TWO CERP REQUIREMENTS DO NOT BECOME AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY. THE EMBASSY IS ALREADY REPORTING SUCH LIMITED DATA AS IT CAN GET. COPIES OF THE SOVIET STATISTICAL ANNUALS AND RELEVANT TRADE JOURNALS ARE ALREADY BEING SENT TO WASHINGTON UNDER THE PUBLICATIONS PROCUREMENT PROGRAM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REMOVE CERP 4256 AND 4257 FROM THE LIST OF THOSE THAT MOSCOW MUST FULFILL. TOON

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